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¶1. (C) Japan was grateful to receive a briefing on the contents of the updated P5 1 package for Iran and is looking forward to any progress made as a result of either the updated package or Iran's May 2008 offer, according to MOFA Second Middle East Division Principal Deputy Director Motosada Matano. He told Embassy Tokyo that Japan will urge Iran to give the updated proposal serious consideration and was gratified to learn that the Iranians didn't reject it outright. At the same time, Japan believes the Iranian proposal, while perhaps overly broad and not sufficiently detailed, also provides an opening that should not be rejected by the P5 1. The fact the Iranians made the proposal demonstrates Iran is willing to engage in dialogue with the international community, said Matano. "We would like to urge both sides to seriously study the proposals presented by the other, and we are telling the Iranians not to prematurely or carelessly refuse to consider the P5 1 proposal," he concluded. Japan will convey the message at upcoming G8 meetings and in other appropriate venues that it would like to see positive developments made by both sides.

¶2. (C) MOFA Second Middle East Division Iran Unit Chief Takashi Kamada, who was also present, asked whether any deadlines had been set for an Iranian reply to the package, or whether any follow-up meetings or actions have been followed. We advised him we were unaware of any deadlines or planned follow-up at this time.

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